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Iron Ore Deposits

- 1. In 1946 and 1947, Soviet geological expeditions discovered important concentrations of iron ore and other valuable ores in three areas of eastern Siberia: the Sikhote-Alin' mountain range (138-00, 48-00), the southern part of the Stanovoi mountain range (126-00, 55-40) and the Amuro-Zeisko plateau (unlocated). Preliminary data indicates that the iron ore deposits in the northern part of the Sikhote-Alin' range are of a higher quality than the iron reserves of the Ural Mountains.
- 2. Exploitation of the Sikhote-Alin' iron ore deposits was begun in 1948. The steel industries of Khabarovsk and Komsomolsk are already partially dependent upon this source of ore. It is estimated that 1,500,000 tons of steel will be manufactured from locally mined from in southeastern Siberia in 1948.
- 3. Iron ore deposits in the Bureya (129-48, 49-48) region are estimated at 2,000,000,000 metric tone, according to the findings of Soviet survey groups.

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Comment. According to the latest estimates available to this office. the figures in paragraphs 3 through 5 are quite excessive.)

Coal Deposits

- 4. The Bureya region contains coal deposits estimated at 240,000,000,000 metric tons.
- 5. A center of Soviet coal mining activity is located around the newly established town of Raichikhinek, approximately 120 kilometers north of Volochayevka (134-42, 48-35) on the Komsomolek-Volochayevka railroad. Geological expeditions have discovered up to 350,000,000,000 tons of high quality coal in layers from ten to fourteen meters in thickness a short distance below the surface of the ground in this area.

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